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LEGISLATIVE BILL 121

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Committee: Urban Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment
2 and Retention Act; to amend section 35-1309, Reissue
3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate provisions
4 relating to the State Fire Marshal; to harmonize
5 provisions; to repeal the original section; and to
6 outright repeal sections 35-1311.01 and 35-1321, Reissue
7 Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 35-1309, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 35-1309 (1) After March 1, 2000, any city of the first
4 class, city of the second class, village, rural fire protection
5 district, or suburban fire protection district which relies in whole
6 or in part upon a volunteer department for emergency response
7 services may adopt a service award benefit program as provided in the
8 Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act.

9 (2) No city, village, or fire protection district shall
10 be required to adopt a service award benefit program. Nothing in the
11 act shall be construed to mandate the creation of a service award
12 benefit program in any city, village, or fire protection district.
13 The act shall not be construed to prohibit any city, village, or fire
14 protection district from ending or eliminating any service award
15 benefit program after its adoption, except that a city, village, or
16 fire protection district may not end its program or its
17 responsibility under its program with regard to any year of service
18 completed prior to such elimination.

19 (3) Each service award benefit program shall include
20 provisions governing the procedures to be followed in the tallying,
21 recording, verifying, and auditing of points earned by volunteers and
22 provisions which provide for the collection of such other information
23 regarding participants as may be ~~requested by the State Fire Marshal~~
24 needed to facilitate administration of the program.

25 Sec. 2. Original section 35-1309, Reissue Revised

1 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

2 Sec. 3. The following sections are outright repealed:

3 Sections 35-1311.01 and 35-1321, Reissue Revised Statutes of

4 Nebraska.